

Maricopa County Community Services Commission

Maricopa County Human Services Department

234 N. Central, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Monday, March 28, 2005

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members Present:

Chair – Councilman Ray Shuey, City of Avondale	Walter Gray, St. Vincent de Paul
Terri Cruz, Chicanos por la Causa	Barbara Webster, Southwest Low-Income Rep.
Marty Sonnenberg, Salt River Project	Joe Blanton, Southwest Low-Income Representative
Councilwoman Kathie Farr, City of Tolleson	Councilman Larry Morrison, Town of Gilbert
Councilman Steven E. Frate, City of Glendale	Louise Moskowitz, APS
Robert Morehouse, Senior Citizens Council	
Maricopa County	

Members Absent:

Mark Bratman, The Salvation Army	Excused
Councilwoman Margarita Cota, Town of Guadalupe	Unexcused
Vice Chair - Councilman Fred Hull, Town of Gila Bend	Unexcused
Sarah Bravo-Palma, Eastside Low-income Representative	Unexcused

Presenters/Staff/Guests Present:

Staff:

Margarita Leyvas, Community Services Division
Mindy Wakefield, Community Services Division

Guests

Gloria de Tevis, Valley of the Sun United Way
Donna Shuey
Racel Aleman, Chandler CAP

Presenters:

Carrie Smith, Foundation for Senior Adult Living,
Program Director of the Home Improvement
Program
Vinnie Pedalino, Foundation for Senior Adult
Living

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM by the Chairman, Councilman Ray Shuey.

B. Roll Call/Introductions

Mindy Wakefield called roll. Eleven of eighteen seated members were present; a quorum was established. The following members were absent and asked to be excused: Mark Bratman. Councilman Frate made a motion to excuse the absence of Mark Bratman. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Farr. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Opening Prayer

Marty Sonnenberg led the prayer.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Louise Moskowitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Approval of Minutes

Walt Grey made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/28/05 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Farr. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

2. Business

A. Directors Report

Marge Leyvas reported on CSD staff meetings and activities:

- Marge and Virginia Sturgill attended the West Valley Scan Release Event sponsored by Arizona State University and Valley of the Sun United Way. The scan surveyed west valley communities to determine needs. The sponsors identified 5 major priority areas. One of the results of the scan was that the West Valley Stakeholders Group merged with the West Valley Council on Community Initiatives. The name of the now combined group is the West Valley Human Services Alliance. An announcement was in the recent MAG Human Services newsletter.
- Benefits Check-Up Advisory Committee.
- Arizona 211 Training
- Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA) and the Arizona Association of Food Banks (Aafb) Annual Joint Conference planning committee. Conference is April 7-8, 2005.
- MAG Human Services Technical Committee.
- Virginia attended an event honoring Lucy Thompson of the Glendale Advisory Board.
- Marge went to the National Community Action Foundation annual conference in Washington D.C. Marge directed the commission to their packets to review a CDBG update she received at the conference and the latest version of CAP Facts. Cynthia Zwick of ACAA, Margie Frost of Mesa Can, Nichole Ayoola of City of Mesa, and Gloria Hurtado of City of Phoenix also attended the conference. Marge visited the congressional delegation and met with Congressmen Pastor, Hayworth, and Grijalva. Marge reported that they were all provide with information on MCHSD/CSD's use of CSBG funds. Marge reported that there were republican voices in support of CSBG. Marge reported that a congressional staffer commented that last year the White House had stated that CSBG was a very important program and yet this year it is being targeted for elimination.

**B. Presentation on
Foundation for Senior
Adult Living**

Carrie Smith, Program Director for the Home Improvements Program of Foundation for Senior Adult Living (FSAL), provided a power point presentation on the Home Improvement Program. Carrie reported FSAL has programs such as Adult Day Health Care, Home Health, Counseling, operation of 2 CAP programs and the Home Improvements program. FSAL provides services in all of Maricopa County and some services outside the county, but the bulk of serves are within Maricopa County.

Carrie reported that in fiscal year 2004 the Home Improvement Program assisted over 1,500 households. The mission of the program is to increase a person's options for living safely and independently at home. The Home Improvement program makes modification to homes with safety needs such as shower rails, widening doorways or transitions for wheelchair access. By weatherizing a home or repairing or replacing appliances, elderly individuals are able to remain in their home and their community. Applications for weatherization or repair/replacement are taken at the CAP offices.

Vinnie Pedalino provided information on the weatherization program. The purpose of the weatherization program is to reduce clients energy burden by ensuring appliances work properly and heating/cooling units ductwork is sealed. Energy audits are done in homes to determine leaks in doors and windows. Broken windows, holes in walls are repaired.

Vinnie provided a presentation on a home that was weatherized. Vinnie reported that the ductwork was not connected and the air condition system was bringing in air from the garage and blowing fiberglass into the house. The air conditioning system was replaced. The outcome of this home weatherization was an increase in the safety and health of the family, increased comfort for the family, and lowered utility costs. Before weatherization, the family's utility bills were \$350-\$400 per month. After weatherization, the monthly bill was lowered to an average of \$60-70

Discussion followed on eligibility and application process.

C. Review By-laws and Resource Committee appointments

Commission members reviewed By-laws in regards to the Resource Assessment Committee. According to the By-laws 5 individuals are needed for this committee, 3 private sector representatives and 2 from the community at large. Robert Morehouse and Louise Moskowitz have volunteered to serve on this committee. Gloria de Tevis, reported that she would let the Commission know next month whether she could serve on the Committee. Two members are still needed from the community at large.

Marge suggested that the three members could meet and discuss the direction for additional members. Marge reported that she spoke to a MAG staff person, who stated that MAG could provide data as needed. Possible MAG Membership on the committee has not been decided yet due to staff restructuring.

The committee will determine what criteria will be used to determine possible CAP closure and/or consolidation of service areas in order to maintain services. Mindy Wakefield will be the assigned staff person and will collect data as requested. The Resource committee would make recommendations to the commission. CAP offices would be notified ahead of time on what the Commission may use as rating criteria.

Marty Sonnenberg stated that if Gloria was not able to participate, she would consider sitting on the committee.

Motion made by Walter Gray to appoint Robert Morehouse and

Louise Moskowitz to the resources committee. Motioned seconded by Marty Sonnenberg. Discussion followed on other individuals to serve on the committee from the community at large. Staff will explore. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

D. Introduction Valley of the Sun United Way Representative

Gloria de Tevis, Community Investment Manager. Gloria stated that she is new to the area and United Way. She works in fund distribution process. United Way distributes funds to diverse group of community-based organizations throughout the county. United Way has 3 impact areas *Caring, Learning, and Empowering*. Gloria stated she would provide information on United Way activities. Gloria distributed copies of the *West Valley Scan*. Robert Morehouse made a motion to congratulate United Way for exceeding donation goals. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Farr. Terri Cruz made a motion to accept Gloria as a Commission Member, Motion seconded by Councilman Frate. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

E. Introduction new member Hut Hutson

Councilman Hut Hutson has been appointed by Tempe City Council to represent Tempe on the Commission. Councilman Hutson had a prescheduled conflict and was not able to attend the commission meeting. He is serving dinner at a homeless shelter, but will be at next meeting. Councilman Frate made a motion to accept Councilman Hutson as a Commission member. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

3. Closing

A. Board Remarks & Announcements

Walter Gray asked for clarification on various items:

- What was the outcome of the Prop 200 audit? Marge reported that she has asked for copies of the report but DES/CSA has not received a copy of the report. Another audit is expected again in February or March 2006.
- Was Marge's trip to Washington mostly for CSBG? Marge reported that she attended the Nation Community Action Foundation conference. The impetus is CSBG and Head Start.
- Is CSBG still pending? Marge stated the budget has not been finalized.
- Did anyone attend the Nation League of Cities? Councilman Shuey and Councilwoman Farr stated they had attended. Councilman Shuey reported that he had the opportunity to meet with several Congress members and discussed the importance of CDBG and CSBG.
- What programs does CDBG fund? Councilman Shuey reported that it differs by area. In some areas CDBG funds only brick and mortar projects like water-sheds, sidewalks, building rehab, and water lines. In some towns CDBG pays for special transportation. Some funds have been used to build Senior Centers.
- Are there any updates on LIHEAP? Marge reported that she

and Betsy Bolding from Tucson Electric Power had met with a staff person from the Governor's office. He stated that they are putting information together to get the Governor's support.

- Can Maryvale join the West Valley Alliance? Walter stated that Maryvale is in City of Phoenix but is often forgotten. Marge stated that Maryvale would most likely need the permission of the city of Phoenix to participate and that she would talk to Amy St. Peter at MAG and find out if representatives from Maryvale could participate.

Councilwoman Farr reported on her trip to Washington DC. She reported that she brought up TANF and LIHEAP being cut. Councilwoman Farr met with Senators Kyle and McCain. Senator Kyle is not worried about CDBG; Senator McCain is in support of CDBG, preserving Luke Air Force Base, and protecting our borders. Councilwoman Farr stated this was a very good meeting and good convention this year, and the experience provided her with a different outlook.

Councilman Shuey reported that in Washington DC people constantly walk up and down the halls making their pitch, and each group only gets 15 minutes. To some extent these issues are being raised to see who will speak up. Councilman Shuey stated *"Your voice counts"*, everyone should consider it an obligation to let their Senator know how they feel.

Walter Gray suggested that Community Services staff attend the Basic Needs Coalition and PAFCO meetings. Marge stated that, as government employees, staff need to be careful in participating in some activities due to lobbying restrictions. Staff are not registered lobbyists

Marge reminded the Commission that the PERK assembly will take place Thursday, March 31st

B. Call to the Public

- None

C. Adjournment

Councilwoman Farr made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Marty Sonnenberg. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.